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Music festival hits right note

Fans pack the Ellison Center for part of lineup of classical events

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The Ellison Center for the Arts (ECA) came alive Wednesday night with the sounds of classical piano and violin. A faculty concert, performed by renowned international performers Tatiana Tchekina

and Oleh Krysa was the first of many performances taking place over the next week as part of the first-ever Duxbury Music Institute and Festival, sponsored by the South Shore Conservatory.

Guests, seated on blue folding chairs, faced the one-step stage in an intimate concert setting. Heads turned to the musical cue that signaled the start of the performance.

The performers took the stage and bowed to their audience, not once, but twice in response to the ovation. Tchekina and Krysa's music blended

together like young lovers flirting and teasing. For the first half of the evening, they performed Mozart's Sonata in B flat Major and Prokofiev's Sonata in D Major No. 2, Opus 94. In the second half, they performed Shostakovich's Ten Preludes Opus 34, Barkauskas' "Partita" for solo violin, and Szmanowski's Three Paganini Caprices.

The festival created a townwide buzz and packed the house Wednesday night. Seats were added minutes before the performers took stage to accommodate the overflow of fans.

Tchekina and Krysa's performance lit up Duxbury like the stars in a clear Montana sky. Four days into this two-week long event, it was apparent that this festival could become annual. More classical music will resonate through next week. Sunday afternoon, classical sounds will fill the air at a free program on the town green.

Duxbury Music Institute Festival calendar of events

- Friday, July 28, 5 p.m. Student recital - free, ECA
- 7 p.m. Faculty concert - \$25/\$20, Duxbury Senior Center (SC)
- Saturday, July 29, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Master class - free, ECA
- 7 p.m. Faculty concert and reception - \$100, McGrath home (sold out)
- Sunday, July 30, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday in the Park - free, town green
- Monday July 31, 5 p.m. Student

recital - free, ECA

6:15 p.m. Seminar - free, ECA

- Tuesday, Aug. 1, 6 p.m. Chamber music student competition - free, ECA
- Wednesday, Aug. 2, 6 p.m. Solo student competition - free, ECA
- Thursday, Aug. 3, 7:30 p.m. Competitions winners concert - \$100, Reed Home (sold out)
- Friday, Aug. 4, 7:30 p.m. All-faculty chamber concert - \$25/\$20, PAC

For complete ticket information or to purchase subscriptions and solo tickets, visit www.southshoreconservatory.org or contact Lanci Valentine (at 781) 749-7565, ext 23.



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Violinist Oleh Krysa performs Wednesday night at part of the Duxbury Music Institute and Festival.